

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

G. SCOTT WHITING,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

Case No. 08-12991  
HON. AVERN COHN

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

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**ORDER REGARDING MOTIONS**

This is an action for defamation. The jurisdiction of the Court is based on diversity. Plaintiff has filed a motion to amend the complaint and add a party and has moved to remand. Defendant has filed a motion to dismiss.

For the reasons stated on the record at a hearing on October 1, 2008, the Court GRANTS the motion to amend the complaint and add a party, and DENIES the motion to dismiss. The motion to remand has been withdrawn.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 1, 2008

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s/Avern Cohn  
AVERN COHN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed to the attorneys of record on this date, October 1, 2008, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

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s/Julie Owens  
Case Manager, (313) 234-5160